

On Mar 22, 2019, at 2:03 PM, Balducci, Claudia

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Elizabeth,

Thank you for writing to me about this important issue. I have some good news – in response to requests from Board members, prompted and supported by concerns from our partners and the public, Sound Transit has agreed to place a pause on the current RFP. This will allow time for discussion of policies and interests in public at the next Operations committee meeting. Please know that I support public transit, provided by public agencies and served by our outstanding unionized workforce. The challenge facing Sound Transit – and other local transit providers – is that we do not have enough bus base capacity to provide the level of service our public wants and that we could otherwise afford to provide. I believe we can work together to solve that issue while being true to our values. I look forward to the further discussion. Please don't hesitate to keep in touch on this issue as we look for a solution.

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